

NO. 552
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv/index.htm

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Greg Pettis, President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 1 st Vice President	<i>San Buenaventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, 2 nd Vice President	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Glen Becerra, Immediate Past President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Robert "Bob" Botts	<i>Banning</i>	RCTC
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Ed Graham	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Mike Munzing	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 12
Hon. Kathryn McCullough	<i>Lake Forest</i>	District 13
Hon. Michele Martinez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Brett Murdock	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Bruce Barrows	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35

Members Present - continued

Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Paula Lantz	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño</i>	Tribal Government Rep.
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	(Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Steven Choi	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Leslie Daigle	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Roy Francis	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31
Hon. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Felipe Fuentes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Bernard C. Parks	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59

Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(At-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director
 Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director of Administration
 Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning
 Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning
 Darin Chidsey, Acting Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs
 Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board
 Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Greg Pettis called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio, District 66, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis opened the Public Comment period.

Arnold Sachs, resident of Lennox, commented regarding the cost of funding for various transportation projects and studies.

Rye Baerg, Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, thanked SCAG for the Sustainability Call-for-Projects and announced the upcoming Los Angeles County Active Transportation for elected officials and staff to be held on September 17, 2013 at 7:30 AM.

Tom Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council and the Sierra Club Transportation Committee, suggested the inclusion of "rail" in the "support position" for Agenda Item No. 4 relating to SB 592. Mr. Williams also suggested incorporating the neighborhood council in the City of Los Angeles for Agenda Item No. 7 relating to the communication letter initiating the bottom-up local input process for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

President Pettis closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

Presentation on “Student Participation in Transportation & Environmental Sustainability Planning”
(Robert J. Leo, Ph.D., Palm Desert Campus, California State University San Bernardino - CSUSB)

President Pettis announced that he would recuse himself from any discussion regarding the item in order to be extra cautious. He noted that he does not have a contract with CSUSB on this matter; however, he does work with CSUSB on another matter. He asked First Vice President Carl Morehouse to preside over the item and the following discussions.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Robert J. Leo who serves as a faculty member in the Department of Communication Studies at the Palm Desert Campus, California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). Dr. Leo reported that through SCAG’s collaborative efforts, CSUSB was able to bring together a successful program testing the concept of youth participation in transportation and environmental sustainability planning and the program’s transferability to other jurisdictions. These programs are: the ‘Environmental Sustainability Expo’ geared for middle school students; a ‘Sustainability Project’ for high school students; and the upcoming ‘Transportation Goods Movement Conference.’ Dr. Leo introduced John Kawczynski who was one of the mentors to the students who worked on the project. Mr. Kawczynski reported that the students were able to present science and environmental projects and participate in sessions geared towards sustainability planning while assisting in the development of transportation and environmental sustainability component of the city’s General Plan. He stated that the program allowed students to see how decisions made in the municipality relate to the environment that assisted in the general planning process of a city. Bill Gray reported that his presentation at the expo involved ‘sports and sustainability,’ cited examples of athletic equipment that have a negative impact in the environment; and suggested the inclusion of an environmental impact component of major sporting goods in a city. In closing, Dr. Leo announced the upcoming renewable energy junior class at Desert Hot Springs with a focus on ‘solar’ and ‘waste;’ and suggested involving the Youth Council in the creation of a city’s General Plan.

First Vice President Carl Morehouse noted SCAG’s prior work efforts with universities. He recommended that the Executive Director provide a status update on the agency’s University Council and student internship program at the November 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting and that this item be added to the upcoming 4th Annual SCAG Economic Summit. Mr. Ikhata acknowledged and noted this item.

On behalf of the Regional Council, First Vice President Morehouse thanked Dr. Robert K. Leo, John Kawczynski and Bill Gray for their presentation and presented them with a token of appreciation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that he, along with SCAG’s Executive team, met with the city managers throughout Riverside, Coachella Valley, San Bernardino, Orange and Imperial counties and expressed appreciation as he received positive feedback from them. He announced that a future meeting will be scheduled for Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Mr. Ikhata also reported that on July 8, 2013, SCAG hosted a meeting with the county transportation commissions, state agencies and major utility companies to discuss ‘Buy America’ and its implementation regarding utility relocation and the impact of MAP-21. He stated that SCAG, along with transportation agencies, provided comments to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding general waivers from the ‘Buy America’ policy.

Lastly, Mr. Ikhata reported on the collaboration with major MPOs to implement Regional Council-adopted Goods Movement MAP-22 Principles.

Mr. Ikhrata welcomed and introduced Carmen Flores, new SCAG Human Resources Manager. Ms. Flores made remarks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pettis reported that the President Council will be meeting quarterly. He asked they review the draft Economic Summit program and recommendations of the Strategic Plan Update; and to develop guidelines for ex-officio members of SCAG's three (3) policy committees.

President Pettis invited the Regional Council members to the upcoming *2013 SCAG Orange County Jobs and Labor Summit* to be held on October 16, 2013, and to inform staff of their interest in participating. He announced that a similar summit will be held throughout the SCAG region over the course of the year.

President Pettis asked the Regional Council members to complete the emergency contact information forms.

Committee Appointments

New Regional Councilmember

Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, District 62

Appointments to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

Hon. Frank Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates, South Bay Cities COG

Hon. Jeffrey Cooper, Culver City, Westside Cities COG

Appointment to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Hon. Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach, South Bay Cities COG

Business Update

Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, provided an update on the economy, housing and job market.

District Evaluation Subcommittee Update

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, stated that every five (5) years, SCAG districts are evaluated for possible changes. The Subcommittee met last month and established a desired population range of 200,000 to 300,000 per district. He noted that the Subcommittee's recommendation and update will be provided at the October 3, 2013 Regional Council meeting.

California Air Resources Board (ARB) Update

As an ARB Board Member, representing the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, welcomed and announced the appointment of Councilmember Joe Buscaino to the SCAQMD by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. She also announced Governor Brown's recent appointment of Turlock resident and agribusinessman, John Eisenhut, to the ARB to represent the agriculture community. Councilmember Mitchell provided an update on AB 32 Scoping Plan preliminary draft for public input in December 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

(Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair)

1. Sustainability Program Project List Approval

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported on the recommended Sustainability Program Project List with total funding request of \$10.4 million and with a total of 73 applications—three (3) applications came from cities that are non-SCAG members in which SCAG will return with a funding recommendation should their member status change.

Discussion ensued regarding clarifying that SCAG would not accept new applications but that current scope of work can be clarified; and the funding level would not change (Mitchell, Medina, Neal and L. Parks).

A motion was made (M. Martinez) to: 1) approve the Sustainability Program Project List; 2) authorize the Executive Director to fund Phase 1 Projects in FY 14; and 3) authorize the Executive Director to seek additional state/federal funding for Phase 2 and Phase 3 Projects expeditiously. Motion was SECONDED (Jahn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. SB 731 (Steinberg): California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - Update

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, provided an update on SB 731—a bill drafted primarily to streamline environmental review— was made into a two-year bill. He reported that recent amendments SB 743 addressed the Sacramento Kings Arena environmental review process along with other changes which will be discussed at the Legislative/Communications and Memberships Committee (LCMC) meeting on September 17, 2013. Mr. Chidsey stated that the amendments would add a provision that will allow the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to re-draft language regarding the Level of Service (LOS) dictated on Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) and a focus on a broader statewide exemption for infill projects in approved plans. He stated that staff will continue to monitor and advise the Regional Council of any floor amendments to the bill.

3. SB 99: (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Budget Bill Appropriation: Active Transportation Program

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, provided a report on SB 99 and stated that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the LCMC recommended a “Support” position.

A motion was made (McCallon) to approve a “Support” position on SB 99: (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Budget Bill Appropriation: Active Transportation Program. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. SB 592 (Lieu): Trade Promotion of California Ports - Support

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, provided a report on SB 592, which was made into a two-year bill, that promotes trade and California's Ports-of-Entry and would direct the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) to develop a plan to ensure the California ports maintain competitive with the expanded investment by the Panama Canal. Mr. Chidsey reported that the EAC and the LCMC recommended a "Support" position.

Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of a "rail" component to the bill and to refer the matter to the LCMC to continue to work with author (McLean and Mitchell).

A motion was made (McCallon) to approve a "Support" position on SB 592 (Lieu): Trade Promotion of California Ports and to refer matter to the LCMC to include a "rail" component to the bill as well as continue to work with author. Motion was SECONDED (Buscaino) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. Litigation Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided a brief update on litigation matters of interest to the agency, including the recent filing of three lawsuits based upon Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments regarding its "Bay Area Plan." He noted that additional information is included in the staff report in the agenda packet and that Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, would be able to provide further details.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

6. Ventura County Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Test Site Application

As Vice Chair of the TC, Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, reported that the TC recommended supporting the Ventura County application.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns on aircraft system hacking; problems anticipated by the county; and placing safeguards that are necessary for full capacity testing as new technology emerges while cautioning not to miss the opportunity for Ventura County (Medina, Morehouse, Munzing and Becerra).

A motion was made (Wapner) to support the Ventura County Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Test Site Application. Motion was SECONDED (Becerra) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with three (3) IN OPPOSITION (Nelson, Munzing and Medina).

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Report

7. Local Input Communication Letter Initiating the Bottom-Up Local Input Process for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

As Chair of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35, reported on the establishment of a protocol for communications between SCAG and local jurisdictions related to the local input process for the 2016 RTP/SCS. It was noted that a letter will be sent to city managers, county administrators, planning directors, city and county clerks and copied to the respective Regional Council District representatives.

Councilman Finlay also reported that the CEHD Committee reviewed the Principles for Subregional Delegation and this would be presented to the RC for approval next month.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

8. Approval of Ex-Officio Member Appointment to the EEC

As Vice Chair of the EEC, 2nd Vice President Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, reported that the recommended action from the EEC for this item will be deferred to a future meeting based on the protocols to be established by the President's Council.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

9. AB 401 (Daly): Transportation: Design-build: Streets and Highways

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, provided information on AB 401 legislation consistent with prior board action supporting design-build authority for project procurement and the adopted 2013 legislative priorities to expedite project delivery and noted that support letters are included in the Regional Council Board Information packet.

Councilmember O'Connor stated that hard-copies for Agenda Item No. 14, September 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update, have been distributed and noted that SB 751 (Yee) on the report was signed by Governor Brown that requires public agencies to record and report individual votes of each official present at a meeting and that votes are made in open and transparent fashion.

Discussion ensued regarding SB 751 compliance issues and the unique challenges to SCAG, such as the size of the Regional Council Board and facility limitations; and suggestions were made which included allowing members to participate via video- and tele-conference meetings at remote sites; using an electronic voting system; and establishing a signed voting card system (McCullough, Clark, Hofbauer, Munzing and Nelson). It was acknowledged that this matter would be discussed at the November 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting.

President Pettis announced that the LCMC approved the 2014 Regional Conference and General Assembly on May 1 – 2, 2014 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, located at 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

10. Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Meeting
11. SCAG Sponsorships & Membership
12. 2013 Investment Policy Annual Report
13. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

A motion was made (McCallon) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 10 through 12 and to approve the changes to Agenda Item No. 13 (2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule), as follows: 1) to cancel [make dark] the meeting in July 2014; 2) to hold a regular meeting on August 7, 2014; and 3) to move

the regular meeting from September 4 to September 11, 2014. Motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with three (3) IN OPPOSITION (Messina, Clark, and McLean).

Receive & File

14. September 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update
15. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; and Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000
16. CFO Monthly Report
17. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

Agenda Item Nos. 14 through 17 were received and filed.

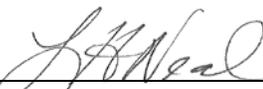
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

President Pettis requested that two items (2) be added to a future agenda: 1) an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan efforts; and 2) an update on the issues surrounding the Salton Sea.

Councilmember Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, cautioned the Regional Council members on AB 604 (Ammiano), as amended, regarding state regulation and enforcement on medical marijuana.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board